

**Remarks**

In the office action dated June 22, 2004 Claims 1-10 and 21 are allowed and Claim 20 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was identified as allowable is rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this amendment the limitation of Claim 20 is incorporated into Claim 18 and, therefore claims 18-19 are now believed to be in a condition of allowance and a notice to that affect is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that claims 11-17 are drawn to non-elected canceled claims that are linked by generic claims 1 and 18. Applicant requests that the examiner acknowledge and reinstate the claims 11-17 for consideration and allowance.

The applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are now either or allowed or in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below signed attorney to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application.

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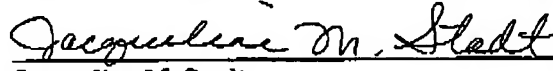
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